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**COURT DIRECTORY.**  
Circuit Court.—First Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September.  
County Court.—Second Monday in February, May, August, and November.  
Probate Court.—Second Monday in January, April, July and October.

**I. O. O. F.**  
Troy Lodge No. 68 I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at their hall in the Withrow block.  
T. W. WITHROW, N. G.  
J. M. McLELLAN, Sec'y.

**A. F. & A. M.**  
Troy Lodge No. 34 A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before each full moon.  
WILLIAM YOUNG, W. M.  
J. A. WARD, Sec'y.

**LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.**

We wish all our patrons a merry, merry Christmas.

The next regular meeting of the medical association will be on Saturday the 27th inst.

**LIBRARY MEETING.**—The next annual meeting of the members of the Troy Social Library will be held at the store house of Parker, Crews & Co., in Troy, on Monday the 5th day of January 1874, at 6 1-2 o'clock p. m.  
T. G. HUNT, Sec'y.

**CHRISTMAS TREE.**—The pupils of the Methodist Sunday School will erect a Christmas tree in the Methodist church this evening. Every body desiring to do so, is invited to be present and take part in the giving and distributing of presents.

The first fortnightly hop of the Terpsichorean society was given at J. S. Thornhill's last Friday evening. Those who attended were highly pleased. The occasion was one of real enjoyment, which was heightened by the polite attentions of the host and hostess.

The following named gentlemen we have had the pleasure of placing on our paid up list of subscribers since last Wednesday: Wm. R. Steele, David Steele, Jonathan Crumo, Wm. Lindsay, W. H. Priest, H. L. Luck for Lum Bryles, Wilson Miller, same for Mrs. M. E. Zachary in Texas, Joseph Howell, John Bravator, R. S. Gilliland, Jr. and Mrs. F. C. Logan.

The executive committee of the Terpsichorean society met Monday evening and admitted to membership several young gentlemen. Honorary membership was conferred upon all the ladies of town and vicinity who attend dancing parties, and upon E. N. Bonilla, James M. McLellan, T. D. Fisher, and J. A. Mudd. The next regular hop will be at E. N. Bonilla's on Friday evening next.

The collector's office is crowded every day with persons paying their taxes in order to save the penalty of five per cent. A friend of ours from the other side of Culvre, was congratulating himself on Monday last that he had paid his taxes, bought two dollars worth of coffee, taken a drink and had twenty cents left. We felt very much like reminding him that that was just enough to "set em up."

The Wentzville mail and stage line has passed into new hands, the hacks have been repaired, comfortable seats with good cushions and blankets supplied, and the comfort of the traveling public studied. We are assured that every care will be taken to accommodate passengers, and all orders left with our genial young friend, Willie Bragg at Woolfolk & Co.'s drug store, will be promptly attended to.

## HOW IT IS.

Some of the tax-payers of this county feel hard toward Collector Shaw because he is determined to force the collection of the taxes. It is a wrong feeling, for the Collector has no option in the matter. The law is strict, and if he fails to comply therewith, he lays himself liable. The law says: "That at the term of the county court to be held on the third Monday in January, the Collector shall return the delinquent list; and the amount of such delinquent lists, or so much thereof as the court shall find properly returned delinquents, shall be allowed and credited to the Collector." The Collector shall not receive a credit for delinquent taxes until he shall have made affidavit that he has been unable to find ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY out of which to make the taxes in each case returned delinquents." To remind him constantly of his duty in this matter, Collector Shaw and the County Clerk are almost weekly receiving circulars from State Auditor Clark in this connection, and while he may feel for the people (and we believe he does) in these hard times, he can do nothing but comply with the law, or else swear falsely in regard to the delinquents returned, or have them charged up against himself and his bondmen. It is the law that is hard on the people; and when we find an official who rather than neglect his duty, enforces the law, let us attach no blame to him. He has no more option in this matter than the taxpayer, while his liabilities are great.

**THE TERPSICHOOREAN SOCIETY.**—The members of this society met, for organization, in the court house last Thursday evening. W. T. Thurmond was called to the chair and J. A. McDonald made secretary. The constitution and by-laws, as drafted by the committee appointed at the previous meeting, were adopted. The initiation fee was fixed at one dollar. In the election of permanent officers, Dr. W. W. Birkhead was made president, W. T. Thurmond vice-president, A. S. Caison second vice-president, J. A. McDonald secretary, W. B. Thornhill treasurer and R. H. Norton auditor. Charles Williams, Dr. Bourland, P. E. Norton, R. A. Trail and W. B. Thornhill constitute the executive committee; A. S. Caison, J. Creech and Dr. Bourland, the committee of reception, and L. Wolfgram, R. A. Trail and P. E. Norton, floor managers. The society will give dancing parties every two weeks.

**FINALE OF THE MILL CREEK ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE.**—The case of Buchanan vs Ellis was tried before Esquire Ransdell last Thursday. Our readers will remember that we gave an account of the difficulty, as we heard it, two weeks ago and a letter last week from Mr. Ellis, in which he gave a detailed description of the affair, differing very materially from our first account. The trial was largely attended, and great interest manifested in the event. From one of the attorneys in the case, we learn that the testimony fully corroborated the statement made by Mr. Ellis in his letter to us. The consequence was that Mr. Ellis was acquitted of the charge. David Ball, of Louisiana, for the prosecution, and W. C. McFarland, of this place, for the defence.

**AUBURN, Mo., Dec. 18.**  
*Editors Herald:* I find in your paper of the 10th of December an account of the fight at Mill Creek school house, between I. N. Ellis and D. Buchanan, and your informant makes it appear from his insinuations that there was an understanding between Ellis and myself previous to the fight. Now this is to say that the assertion implied in your informant's statement is a base falsehood. In justice to myself I ask you to give this a place in your columns.  
Truly yours, D. B. SMILEY.

The tipsy choreans (as one of the members will persist in calling them—we hope they will not earn the name) are in full blast.

## THE BRIDGE ROAD.

A friend of ours who has "been there" asks us to pour out the vials of wrath upon the head of the overseer of the road district in which lies the road from the bridge over Culvre to Alexandria. We would do so very willingly, for we are not slow to speak our mind on the subject of bad roads, did we know that official to be in fault. The road in question is a disgrace to the county. It has never been worked since it was cut out for a private road. In most places two wagons cannot pass each other. There is not a single guide-post on the whole road, while innumerable other roads cross it, rendering it impossible for strangers to traverse it without mistaking the way. When Culvre is past fording, as has been the case several times this season, there is considerable travel over this road. The universal verdict is that it is unequaled among bad roads. This is not the first time that our attention has been called to the matter. The county has placed a costly and substantial bridge over Culvre, but it has failed to provide a decent road by which to reach it; so that the usefulness of this structure is greatly impaired.

We are not advised as to where the blame should be placed. We don't know whether or not this is a public road; if it is not, we think the county court is culpable; if it is, the fault lies between the overseer of the district and the defective system under which our public roads are worked. Most likely the overseers has accomplished his whole duty, under the imperfect working of the present law. Most of the overseer of the county have proved themselves faithful and efficient officers. This is due to the fact that better men than heretofore have been selected, and that the county court has weeded out, as far as possible, all incompetents. We contend that the law is defective in its results, because under its system the proper amount of work cannot be put upon the roads. A most serious objection is that it allows persons to work out their road tax instead of paying it to the collector. Experience thus far has demonstrated that this class of work will not accomplish one-fourth as much as hired labor. We hope the legislature at the coming session, will apply the proper remedy, and perfect a system by which our road can be improved.

**NOT OUR FAULT.**—The secretary of the New Hope farmers' club some weeks since, just after the organization of the club, wrote for the *Herald* a full, comprehensive statement of the proceedings, together with considerable statistical information, a notice of next meeting and a call upon the farmers generally to become members of the club. He took a great deal of pains with it, anxious to have the matter placed in a favorable light before the farmers of Hurriane. The second number of the *Herald* he received after this, he scanned very closely but could not find his letter therein. We don't know how many maledictions were heaped upon us for not publishing this letter, but from all accounts they were considerable. Thus the matter stood with occasional breathings of vengeance until a short time since he found the offending communication carefully stowed away in his overcoat pocket!

Who can account for the strange vagaries of dreams? One of our townsmen dreamed the other night that he was one of the American army that had invaded the gem of the Antilles, to wipe out the disgrace of the Virginus affair. In the midst of all the splendor and magnificence of Havana, he did not forget the familiar scenes of old Troy. On entering a store and seeing some fine gold on brodered stars, his first thought was: I'll buy two of these and send them, as police badges, to Judge McDonald and old Sim.

We are under obligations to Judge Buckner, our member in congress, for late Washington papers.

## POSTPONEMENT.

The Laclede Gift Ball has been postponed to Friday, January 30, 1874. This is necessary on account of the failure of many of the sub-agents to send in their reports. Many persons have been holding back until the last few days to purchase tickets, not understanding that the returns and preliminary measures consume considerable time. It will therefore be to their interest to invest at once, as the sale will be stopped as soon as the necessary number has been disposed of. If the sale continue in the same ratio as heretofore, the ball will certainly be held without further postponement. Mr. L. J. Garrett in consequence of not being able to give sufficient time to the business, has resigned the agency, and Mr. Henry W. Perkins has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Perkins will give it the necessary attention to insure success.

**PERSONAL.**—Wm. Achor, Esq., of this county, returned last week from Indiana.

Joseph Myers of West prairie is now visiting friends in Indiana. He is expected to return after the holidays.

Misses Bettie and Sheba Moore, of Millwood, passed through town last week, on their return from Salisbury, Charlton county, where they had been visiting relatives.

Capt. Thos. R. Reid, Andrew B. Foley, Esq., and Mr. W. H. Priest of Hurriane township, called last week. They report everything quiet in that part of the county, and the people paying their taxes promptly. The farmers over that way are ready to be organized into granges.

*Furs at Cost!*  
*Furs at Cost!*  
*Cheap! Cheap!*  
WOOLFOLK & GORDON.

One of our subscribers, who unfortunately for himself, lives in that part of the county where the people have not enough use for newspapers to subscribe and pay for them, but just enough to borrow regularly, to the great annoyance and detriment of those who do subscribe, writes us a splay letter upon this subject which we would gladly have published had it not been mislaid after being placed in the hands of the compositor. Our friend after being imposed upon until he thought forbearance ceased to be a virtue, was asked by a neighbor to lend him the *Herald* as he wanted to learn the time of holding the probate court, before which he would have business to transact. Now here was a chance to get rid of this sponge. He wants a certain piece of information, I'll give it to him without lending him the paper, thought our friend. But who ever knew an accomplished borrower to be balked in his purpose? "Well there are a few other items. I should like to see." So the matter was settled, and our friend has not seen his copy of the *Herald* since. Now he wishes to know if we have no remedy. We have not, unless our subscribers refuse to accommodate these chronic borrowers, who are the class complained of, and referred to, in this connection. It is not for us to complain of our paper being lent out, for we are presumptive enough to believe this a help to the increase of our circulation, feeling confident that a large majority of those who become acquainted with our paper by this method, the aforesaid class excepted, will be regular patrons. So that this vexed question must of necessity remain where it is.

**Money! Money! Money!!!**  
Money to loan in sums to suit at moderate rates of interest at the Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank of Troy, Mo. 5013

If you want a pair of the best water proof Heavy Kip Boots in the state at \$6.75, cash, call on  
2649  
CAKE & ROGERS

Furs at wholesale cost. Now is your time, buy while they are cheap.  
WOOLFOLK & GORDON.

We received the following letter from Col. Hutton after our paper went to press last week:

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 16.  
*Editors Herald:* When I directed appointments sent for me to Lincoln last week, it had not occurred to me that they would run into the holidays. As the letter reached you no doubt too late for publication. I now ask that the appointments be withheld until January, and that you announce that I will visit Lincoln during the first week of January and that I will remain until every grange is organized in the county that is desired, and also requesting those wishing to organize to address me at Mexico stating the place so that I can arrange appointments to meet them.  
Very truly yours, J. E. HUTTON.

Buy a set of Furs for a Christmas present for your wife, your sister, or your sweetheart. We are selling them at wholesale cost.  
WOOLFOLK & GORDON.

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**MARRIED.**  
HART—STENER—December 18, 1873, in St. Louis, Mr. Joseph Hart of this place, and Mrs. Rosa Stener of St. Louis.

**DIED.**  
KNOX—December 21, 1873, Mrs. Calde P. wife of John R. Knox, Esq., aged 24 years 3 months and 21 days.

**Dr. J. C. GOODRICH,**  
DENTIST.  
WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI.  
Will be in Troy from time to time, due notice of which visits will be given in THE TROY HERALD. 5012

**Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,**  
DENTIST.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will always be found in his office, next door to T. W. WITHROW'S, up stairs, where he attends to dental and surgical diseases of the mouth. He keeps an assistant always in the office to aid in filling teeth. 5014

**JOSIAH CREECH,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collecting. Office on Main street, two doors south of the Laclede Hotel. 5016

**WALTON & ALLEN,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and Supreme Court of the State. Business promptly attended to. Office over Dr. East's drug store. 5014

**G. T. DUNN,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
NEW HOPE, MO.  
Also Notary Public, will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collecting. 5016

**R. C. MAGRUDER,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
CAP-AN-GRIS, MO.  
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. 5016

**W. C. McFARLAND,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and pay special attention to collecting. Office over Bank building. 5012

**ALLEN & BAKER,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Agents State and Phoenix Insurance Companies, and Real Estate Agents. J. B. ALLEN, Notary Public.

**B. W. WHEELER,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will attend to any professional business in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit; also prosecuting attorney of the county and notary public. 5016

**F. T. WILLIAMS,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
WARRENTON, MO.  
Also Notary Public and Real Estate Agent, will give special attention to collecting, real estate practice, and the investigation of titles. Office in clerk's building, west room. Satisfaction given or no charge made. 5012

**FRAZIER & COLBERT,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collections and to the sale, purchase and leasing of real estate; abstracts of titles, warrants, deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages made on short notice. Large number of valuable farms for sale. Office on Main street in Henry's building, up stairs. 5017

**KNOX & NORTON,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
TROY, MISSOURI.  
COLLECTORS AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS. Particular attention given to conveying, and examination of land titles, and contracts affecting real estate. We make a specialty of collecting all kinds of claims, notes, bills, etc., at a reasonable commission.